



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

WE CAN ASSURE YOU, gentlemen, that our motto for this year . . . "Cooperate and Achieve" . . . has been satisfactorily fulfilled, insofar as was possible in this ten-month year.

Due to the pressure of the advanced date for our annual convention, every county auxiliary accelerated its program in a determined effort to present a report comparable to recent years.

The preliminary records of all of them give promise of a substantial increase in all departments. When the final records are compiled at the close of the fiscal year on the county level, we hope to show the normal expectancy in yearly growth.

In an early issue of *CALIFORNIA MEDICINE* we will give you the facts and figures to substantiate our advance judgment and we're sure you will be pleased with the scope of our influence.

As a result of the energetic work of our treasurer, Mrs. Charles Sprague, and the state and county membership chairmen, we can report an increase in membership as of this date, and we hope to increase it even more before the May deadline.

We have stressed "community service" particularly, and an effort is being made to poll the number of hours that auxiliary members devote to their individual community voluntary health organizations and civic activities.

It is gratifying to know that nearly all the various women's organizations have more than a fair share of physicians' wives on their rosters—in most instances in leadership capacities. Topping the list in this respect are the P.T.A., the Y.W.C.A., the Girl Scouts and the Cancer Society, followed by A.A.U.W., the Heart Association and many child welfare organizations.

Hundreds of Student Nurse Clubs are directed by members of the auxiliary. Local high schools are most enthusiastic about this program.

The baby sitter groups, "GEMS" (Good Emergency Mother Substitutes) have hundreds of teen-agers enrolled, also directed by auxiliary members.

Nurses' scholarships and loan funds have increased, and annual parties and benefits continue to supply the funds to support the American Medical Education Foundation and Physicians' Benevolence.

We have every reason to be proud of the work of physicians' wives. They are proving to be outstanding leaders. And as members of the Auxiliary to the

medical societies, they are of ever increasing value to the profession.

It is our proud privilege to be a part of what you as individuals and as members of your profession represent. Incidentally, we might add that we are seriously aware of the fact that, as your profession goes, so goes our way of life.

Much hard work goes into these activities to promote good will and understanding for the fundamentals of good public health and medical standards as you hope to keep them.

This has been a banner year in the growth of closer relations between the Association and the Auxiliary.

In proportion to your encouragement and help, our enthusiasm rises and our work becomes a pleasure. We appreciate everything you do to help us. Without your cooperation, it wouldn't be possible to accomplish the tremendous results that we achieve.

Your San Francisco office personnel doesn't hesitate when we make a request. Mr. John Hunton and Bob Thomas exert every effort to be of assistance to us, interceding for us with the Council—publishing *The Courier*, which, by the way, continues to be the top medical auxiliary publication in the nation. Doctor Wilbur and Mr. Edwards have been most generous with extra space in *CALIFORNIA MEDICINE*. Our grateful appreciation to them for their kind remarks, too.

Special consideration by the Council and by our Advisory Board has given us confidence, as well as the assurance that we need, of your appreciation.

The members of our board of directors have concentrated this year on improving organizational policies to strengthen our assistance to the counties.

The stimulation motivated by the unprecedented cooperation of the Association has created the enthusiasm for efficient action by the members of the Auxiliary board of directors, which has undoubtedly reacted on the county level, where the actual working program has achieved such fabulous results.

With your continued interest and support, we will continue to grow.

Thank you for all the courtesies extended to me personally this year.

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